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[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/56/L.79)*]

56/508. Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/218 of 21 December 2001, in which it decided to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole of the General Assembly to conduct the final review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and related initiatives,

Recalling also that, in its resolution 56/218, it also decided that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole should meet in substantive session for a period of five working days, from 9 to 13 September 2002, and for three working days, from 7 to 9 October 2002, during the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly,

Mindful of the fact that the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will close on Monday, 9 September, and that the fifty-seventh session will open on Tuesday, 10 September 2002,

Taking into account its decision 56/468 of 1 May 2002, in which it decided to hold an eight-day general debate at its fifty-seventh session, from Thursday, 12 September, to Sunday, 15 September, and from Tuesday, 17 September, to Friday, 20 September 2002,

Decides that the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s should meet in substantive session for three working days, from Tuesday, 24 September, to Thursday, 26 September 2002, and for five working days, from Monday, 7 October, to Friday, 11 October 2002.

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rule 30 above, the President of the previous session, or the chairman of that delegation from which the President of the previous session was elected, shall preside until the Assembly has elected a President";

(*c*) Paragraph (*a*) of the present rule 99 shall be replaced by the following text:

"All the Main Committees shall, at least three months before the opening of the session, elect a Chairman. Elections of the other officers provided for in rule 103 shall be held at the latest by the end of the first week of the session";

3. *Decides further* that, for the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly only, the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the Main Committees shall be elected as early as possible;

4. *Decides* that these amendments will enter into force on 8 July 2002.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

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56/510. Accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations in the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind its resolution 56/168 of 19 December 2001, in which it invited, inter alia, non-governmental organizations with an interest in the matter to make contributions to the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities,

Welcoming the fact that the Commission on Human Rights in its resolution 2002/61 of 25 April 2002[1] encouraged the Ad Hoc Committee to adopt working methods that would allow for full participation by relevant non-governmental organizations in its deliberations,

1. *Decides* that accreditation of non-governmental organizations to the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities shall be granted to all non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

2. *Also decides* that other non-governmental organizations, not accredited previously to the Ad Hoc Committee, may apply to the Secretariat for such accreditation, and that the applications should contain all the information on the competence of the organization and the relevance of its activities to the work of the Committee specified in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996; regarding those applications, it further decides that:

(*a*) The Secretariat shall circulate to all States members of the Ad Hoc Committee a list of new applications for accreditation received from non-governmental organizations no less than four weeks prior to each session of the

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 3* (E/2002/23), chap. II, sect. A.

Committee, except for its first session, for which the Committee will consider applications received up to the beginning of and during the session;

(*b*) Accreditation shall be granted in advance of the session in accordance with the procedures and time limits set out in paragraph 46 of resolution 1996/31, on a non-objection basis, except for the first session of the Ad Hoc Committee, for which the time limit for the raising of an objection by a State member of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be no later than seven days from receipt of each list;

(*c*) The Ad Hoc Committee, at the beginning of each of its sessions, shall consider and take decisions on new applications against which a State member of the Ad Hoc Committee has raised an objection;

3. *Urges* relevant United Nations bodies, in recognition of the importance of the equitable geographical participation of non-governmental organizations in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee, to assist those non-governmental organizations that lack resources, in particular non-governmental organizations interested in the matter from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, in participating in the work of the Committee;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to disseminate widely to the community of non-governmental organizations all available information on accreditation procedures as well as information on supportive measures for participation in the Ad Hoc Committee;

5. *Decides* that representatives from non-governmental organizations accredited to the Ad Hoc Committee may participate in the work of the Committee and that the modalities of this participation will be decided by the Committee during the first week of its first session;

6. *Also decides* that the above arrangements shall in no way create a precedent for other ad hoc committees of the General Assembly.

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